

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.(Currently Amended) A golf ball retrieval tool comprising:
an elongate elongated handle; and
which carries at one end a so-called cage located at one end of the elongated handle, the cage having a which has at its rear end that faces towards facing the elongated handle, a first section located at the rear end of the cage, a front end facing and at a part which faces away from said the elongated handle, a second section located at the front end and connected to the which connects with said first section, and a roof extending from the rear end to the front end, wherein in a first cage orientation of the tool the first cage section has an a first opening located generally opposite the roof of the cage and adjacent the elongated handle and dimensioned edge which, in said first tool orientation, is generally open downwards and rearwards towards the handle and which is able to freely receive a golf ball, wherein a transit opening connects the first section with the second section; wherein the second section includes a downwardly open second opening located generally opposite the rear end of the cage and having a diameter smaller than a diameter of the golfball so as to form which forms a ball seating retaining the golfball therein, the second opening being operable to be enlarged by pressing the golfball through the second opening, and the roof of the cage having a wedge-shaped configuration operable to drive the golfball received through the first opening into the ball seating wherein, with the tool in said first cage orientation, the handle extends obliquely downwards beneath the horizontal plane of the cage, and wherein the transit opening between said first and said second sections forms a threshold over which the ball must run, characterized in that the cage comprises a roof structure which in response to pressing the cage generally vertically against the golfball a ball, which is received in the first section, when the tool is in said first cage orientation, generates on the ball a wedging action such as to drive the ball through the transit opening and into the second section where the ball can be received in the ball seating.

2.(Currently Amended) A tool according to claim 1, wherein a threshold is formed between the first section and the second section of the cage, the threshold is adapted being operable to prevent the ball golfball from rolling from the ball seating into the first cage section essentially until the tool is forced up from said first cage orientation to into a position in which the elongated handle is positioned horizontally orientated.

3.(Currently Amended) A tool according to claim 1, wherein a the plane defined by an edge of the ball seating second opening defines an angle of 20-70 degrees with respect to a longitudinal axis, preferably an angle of about 40 degrees, with the axis of the elongated handle; and in that the edge of the seating opening is elastically resilient so as to be able to widen from a size slightly smaller than the largest ball diameter to a size greater than the ball diameter, so as to enable the ball to be pressed into the second cage section from without, via the seating opening.

4.(Currently Amended) A tool according to claim 1, wherein the ball seating is adapted operable to position the centre a center of gravity of the ball golfball beneath the a longitudinal axis of the elongated handle in said first cage orientation of the tool, such that the weight of the ball will result in torque that tends to rotate the tool about its geometric axis towards said first cage orientation; and in that the cage roof is designed operable to support retain the ball golfball in a position in which the centre center of gravity of the ball golfball lies beneath the longitudinal axis of the elongated handle in a second orientation of the tool cage in which said when the cage has been is rotated about said axis through an angle of 180 degrees about the longitudinal axis of the elongated handle.

5.(Currently Amended) A tool according to claim 2, wherein a the plane defined by an edge of the ball seating second opening defines an angle of 20-70 degrees with respect to a longitudinal axis, preferably an angle of about 40 degrees, with the axis of the elongated handle; and in that the edge of the seating opening is elastically resilient so as to be able to widen from a size slightly smaller than the largest ball diameter to a size greater than the ball diameter, so as to enable the ball to be pressed into the second cage section from without, via the seating opening.